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## Sixth Grade Suggested Reading



Rawls, Wilson. **WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS**

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

Reiss, Johanna. **THE UPSTAIRS ROOM**

A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.

Roberts, Willo Davis. **THE VIEW FROM THE CHERRY TREE**

Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him--except the murderer.

Speare, Elizabeth George. **THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND.**

Kit Tyler, on a visit to colonial Connecticut from her home in Barbados, becomes friendly with Hannah the witch, teaches a little girl to read, and is saved in the ensuing witch-hunt.



Spinelli, Jerry. **WRINGER**

As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

Spyri, Johanna. **HEIDI**

A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city

Steig, William. **ABEL'S ISLAND**

Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.



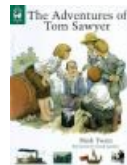
Stevenson, Robert Louis. **TREASURE ISLAND**



While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune

Tolkein, J.R.R. **THE HOBBIT**

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return..



Twain, Mark. **THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER**

The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early nineteenth century

White, Ruth. **BELLE PRATER'S BOY**

When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin, and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears on their lives.

Wiles, Deborah. **EACH LITTLE BIRD THAT SINGS**



Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.

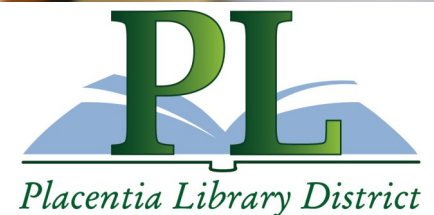
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Children's Department

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Avi. **CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD**

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Baum, L. Frank. **THE WIZARD OF OZ.**

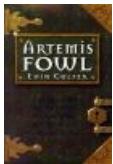
After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great Wizard in order to return to Kansas.

Bellairs, John. **THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS**

A boy goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion that has a clock hidden in the walls which is ticking off the minutes until doomsday.

Brink, Carol. **CADDIE WOODLAWN**

Growing up in frontier Wisconsin, red-headed tomboy Caddie prevents a massacre and survives a prairie fire.



Colfer, Eoin. **ARTEMIS FOWL**

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a nasty troll.

Cooper, Susan. **THE DARK IS RISING**

On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

Craven, Margaret. **I HEARD THE OWL CALL MY NAME**

With only two years to live, a young missionary is sent to an Indian village in British Columbia where he learns to face death without fear.

Creech, Sharon. **ABSOLUTELY NORMAL CHAOS**



Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up considerably during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.

Cushman, Karen. **CATHERINE, CALLED BIRDY**

The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Gilson, Jaime. **HELLO MY NAME IS SCRAMBLED EGGS**



When his folks host a Vietnamese family that has come to settle in their town, Harvey enjoys Americanizing twelve-year-old Tuan.

Gray, Elizabeth Janet. **ADAM OF THE ROAD**

This book describes the adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick.

Greene, Bette. **SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER**



When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship.

Hunt, Irene. **ACROSS FIVE APRILS**

Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.

Karr, Kathleen. **THE GREAT TURKEY WALK**

In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded fifteen-year-old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit.

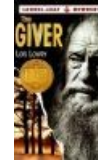
Keatley, Zilpha. **THE EGYPT GAME**

A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies.

Levine, Gail Carson. **ELLA ENCHANTED**



In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.



Lowry, Lois. **THE GIVER**

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **ACHINGLY ALICE**

Thirteen-year-old Alice sets long- and short-term priorities for her life as she experiences the complexity of young love.

Nye, Naomi Shihab. **19 VARIETIES OF GAZELLE: POEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

Nye has gathered over four dozen of her own poems about the Middle East and about being an Arab American living in the United States in the wake of 9/11.

Osborne, Mary. **ADALINE FALLING STAR**

Feeling abandoned by her deceased Arapaho mother and her explorer father, Adaline Falling Star runs away from the prejudiced cousins with whom she is staying and comes close to death in the wilderness, with only a mongrel dog for company.

Paterson, Katherine. **BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA**



The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Peck, Richard. **A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO**

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

Peterson, Jackson. **JIP: HIS STORY**

While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.



Philbrick, W. Rodman. **FREAK THE MIGHTY**

At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.